under the rose

There was always something missing...
And you were the one that made me realize.

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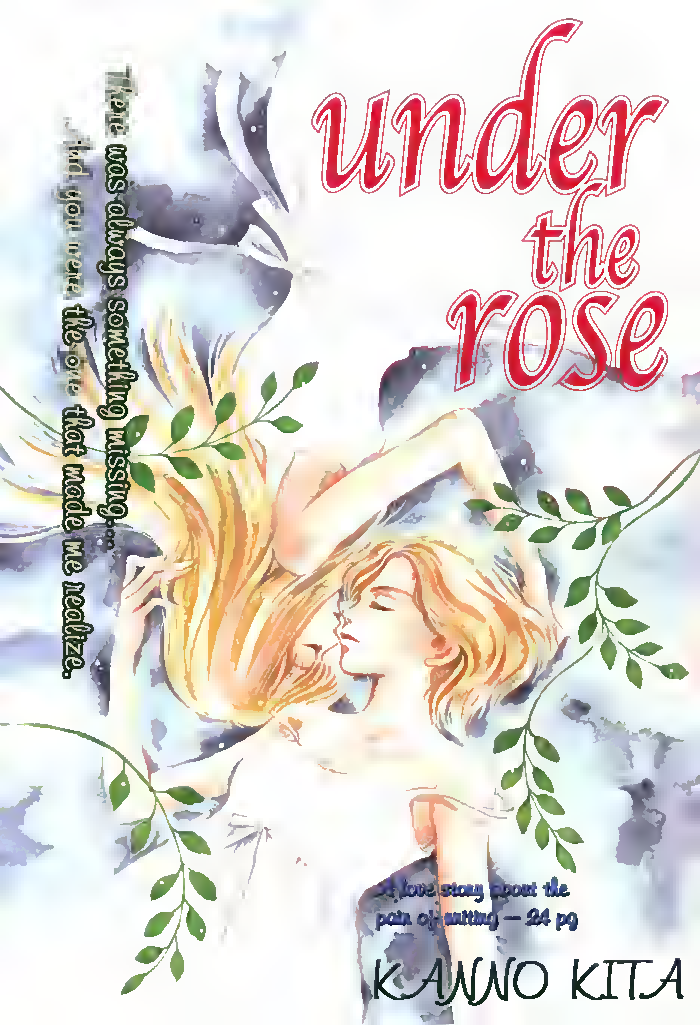
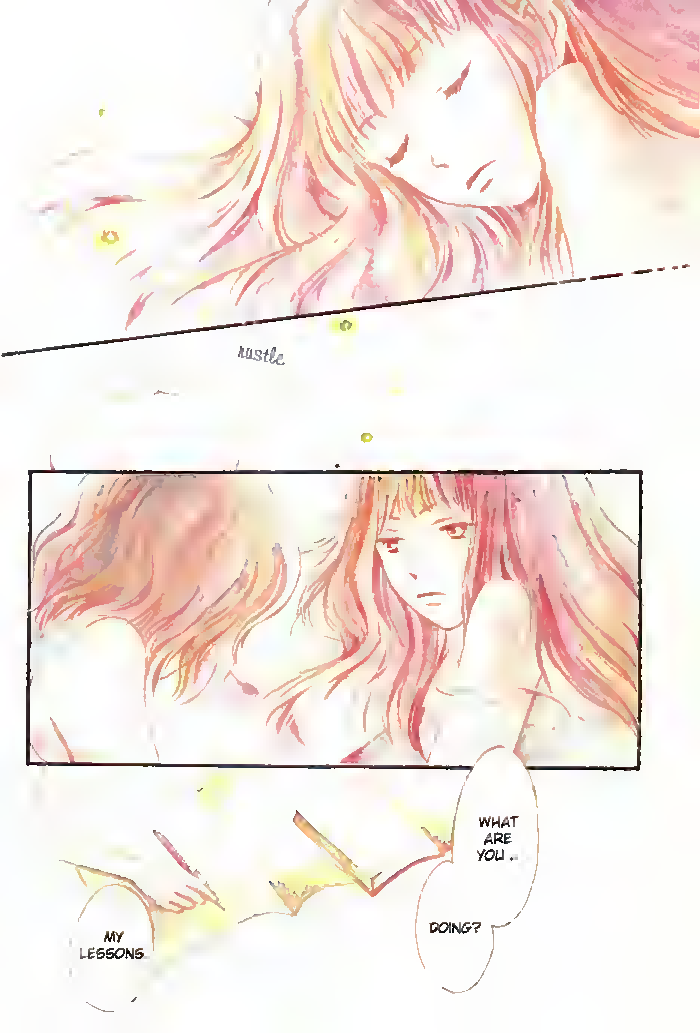
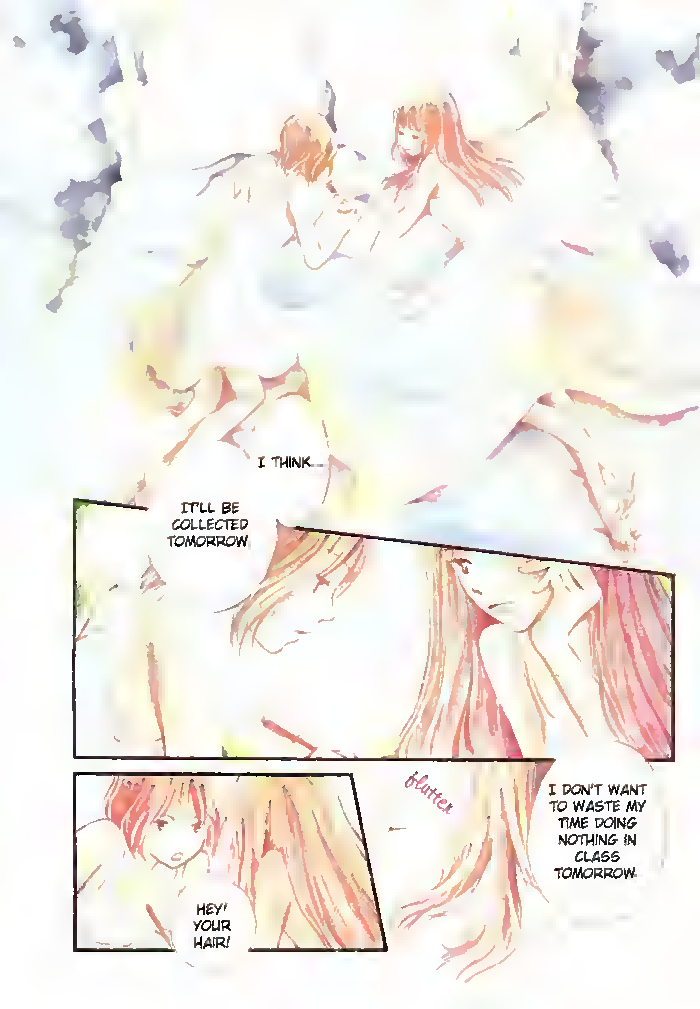
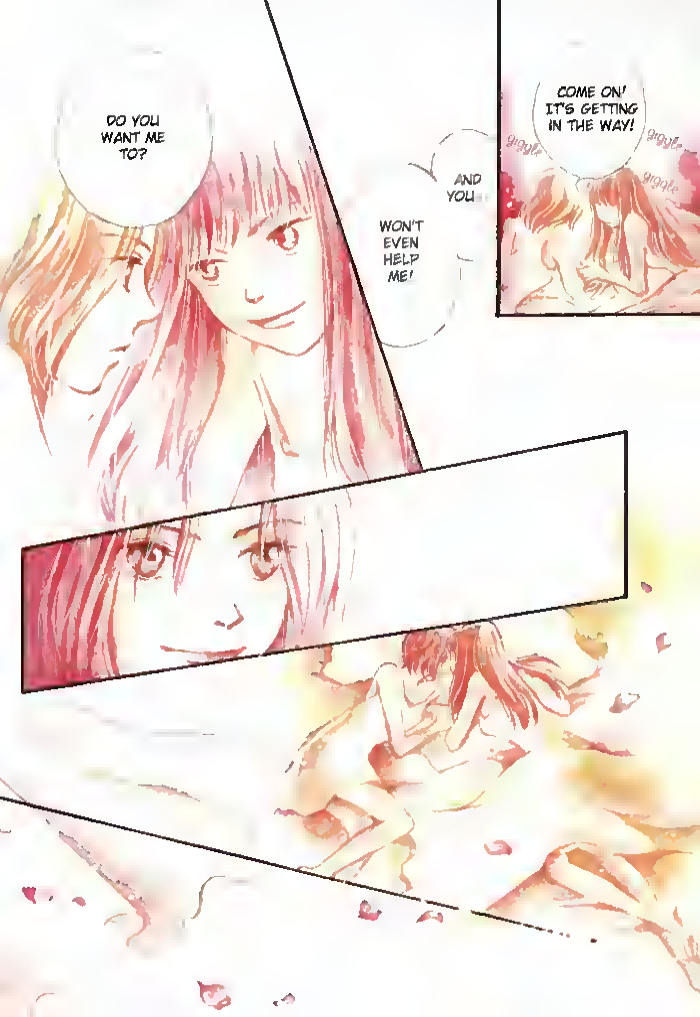
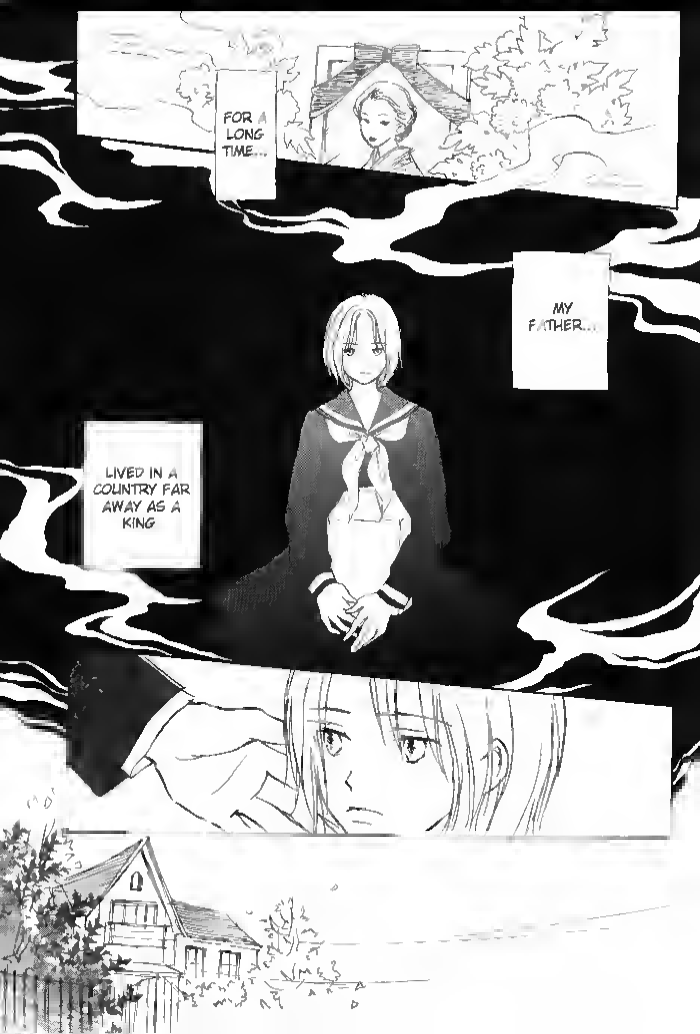
KAWO KITA

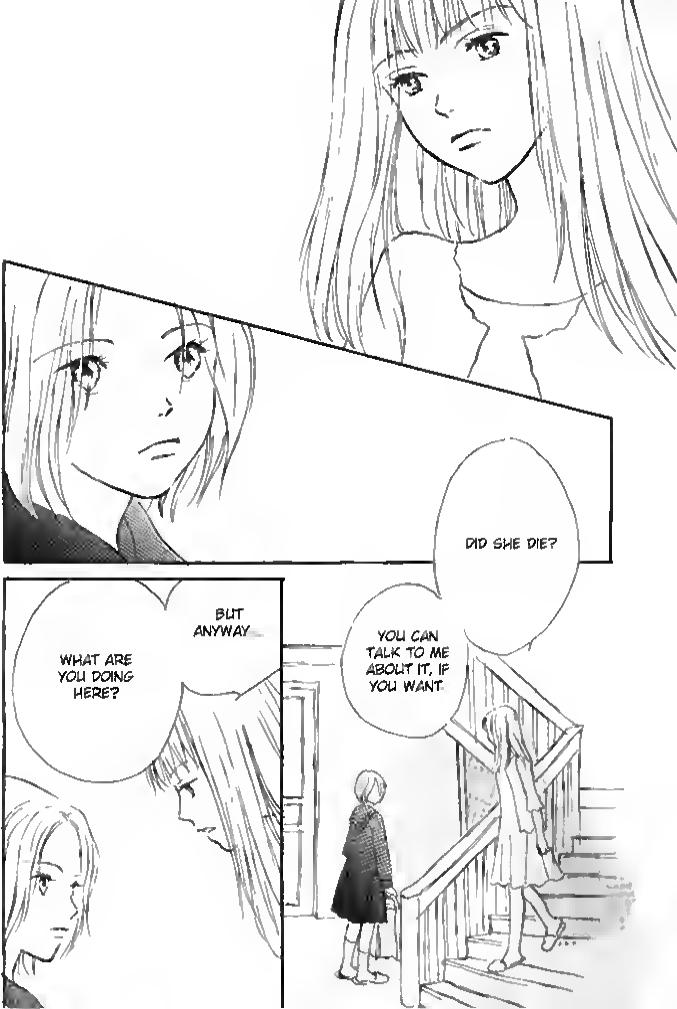


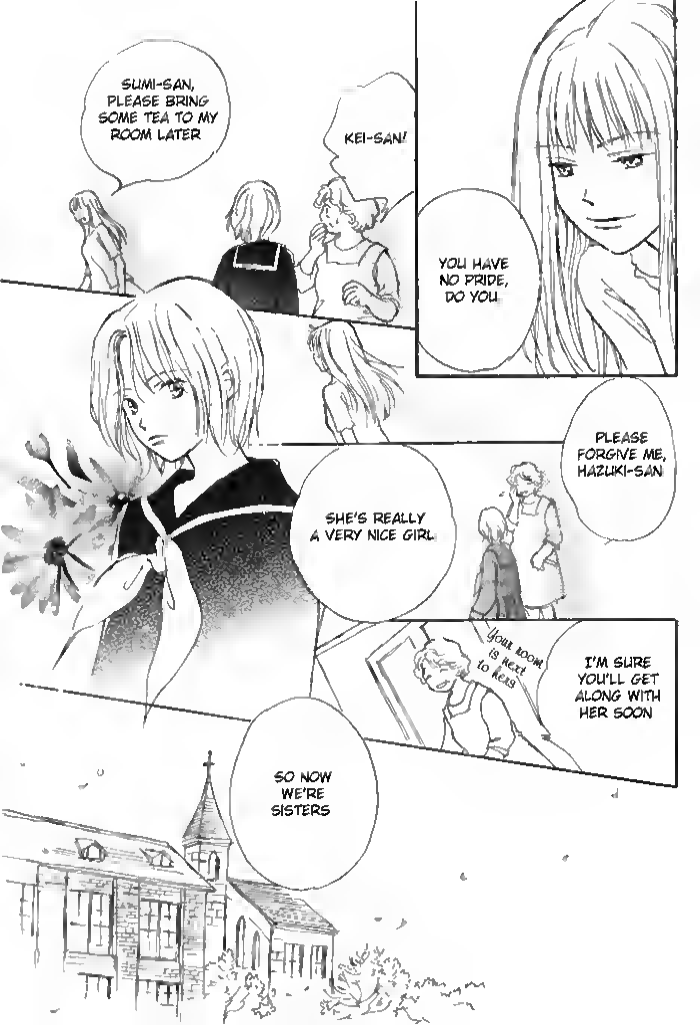

rustle
WHAT ARE YOU..
DOING?
MY LESSONS

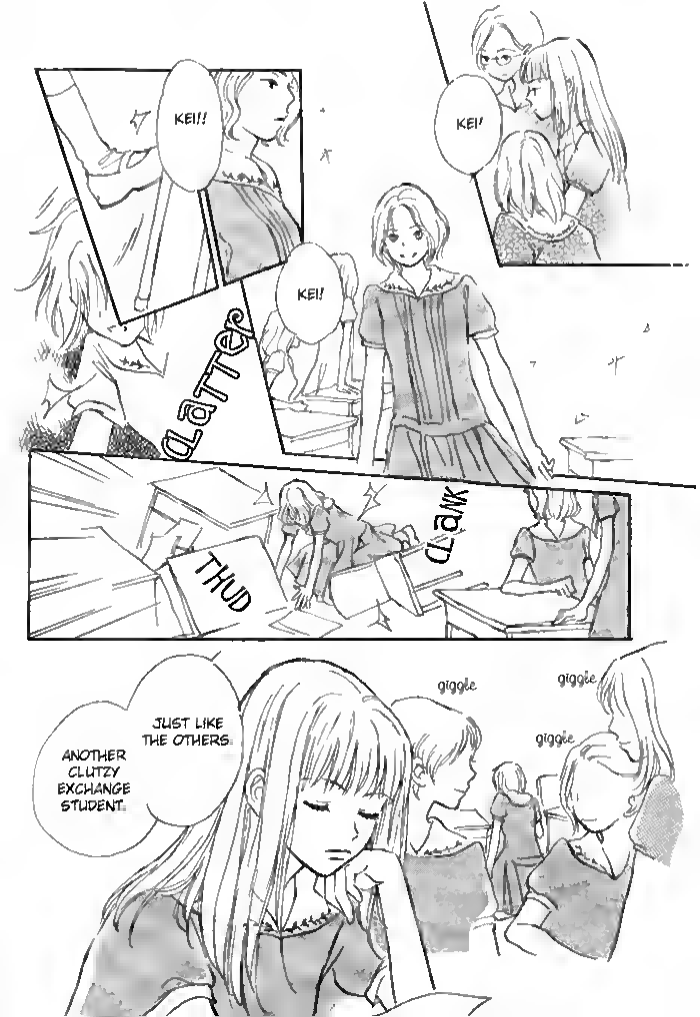

I THINK...
IT'LL BE COLLECTED TOMORROW.
flutter
I DON'T WANT TO WASTE MY TIME DOING NOTHING IN CLASS TOMORROW.
HEY! YOUR HAIR!


DO YOU WANT ME TO?
AND YOU...
WON'T EVEN HELP ME!
COME ON! IT'S GETTING IN THE WAY!
giggle
giggle
giggle


FOR A LONG TIME...
MY FATHER...
LIVED IN A COUNTRY FAR AWAY AS A KING


DID SHE DIE?
YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT IT, IF YOU WANT.
BUT ANYWAY...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?


SUMI-SAN, PLEASE BRING SOME TEA TO MY ROOM LATER
KEI-SAN!
YOU HAVE NO PRIDE, DO YOU
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, HAZUKI-SAN
SHE'S REALLY A VERY NICE GIRL
Your room is next to Kei's
I'M SURE YOU'LL GET ALONG WITH HER SOON
SO NOW WE'RE SISTERS


KEI!!
KEI!
KEI!
clatter
THUD
CLANK
ANOTHER CLUTZY EXCHANGE STUDENT.
JUST LIKE THE OTHERS.
giggle
giggle
giggle

HEY, LISTEN..
IS IT REALLY TRUE THAT SHE'S LIVING AT MIZUSAWA-SAN'S HOUSE NOW?
HUH? ARE YOU SERIOUS?
SHE'S JUST A DISTANT RELATIVE OF MINE
WE'RE HARDLY RELATED
ARE YOU USED TO THE SCHOOL BY NOW?

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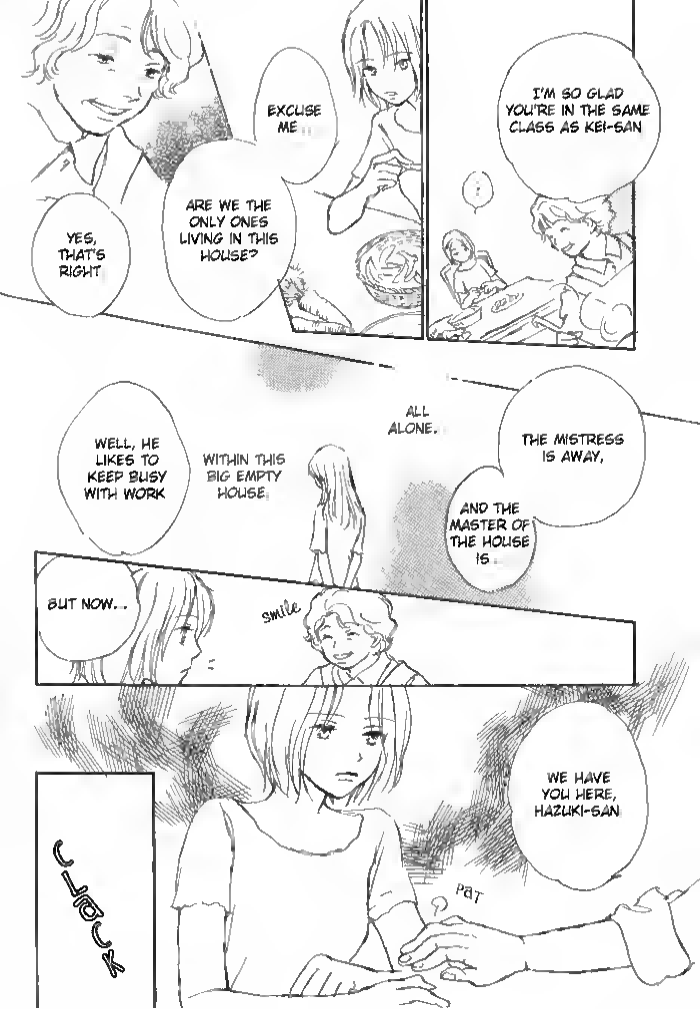
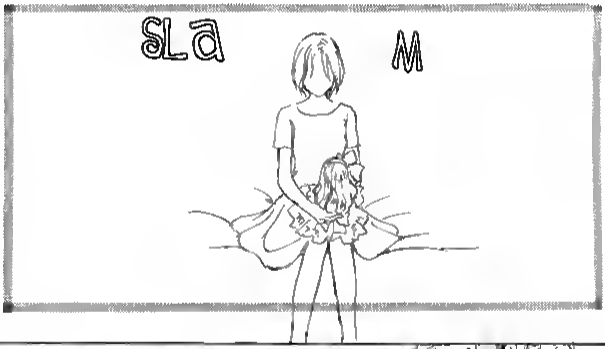

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE IN THE SAME CLASS AS KEI-SAN
EXCUSE ME
ARE WE THE ONLY ONES LIVING IN THIS HOUSE?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT
THE MISTRESS IS AWAY,
ALL ALONE.
AND THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS
WITHIN THIS BIG EMPTY HOUSE.
WELL, HE LIKES TO KEEP BUSY WITH WORK
BUT NOW..
smile
WE HAVE YOU HERE, HAZUKI-SAN
pat
END

THIS DOLL IS EXACTLY THE SAME...
AS THE ONE I HAVE
I GOT THAT FROM MY FATHER.
WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT EACH OTHER
AND YET WE HAVE THE SAME DOLL

PLEASE DON'T TALK TO ME AT SCHOOL ANYMORE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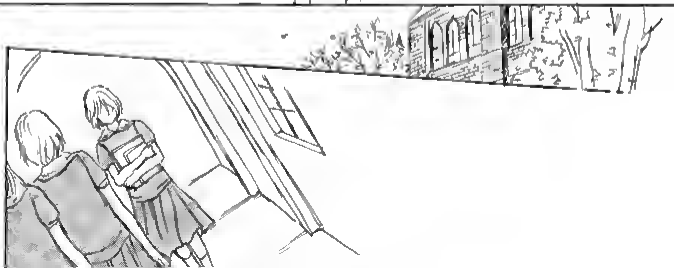
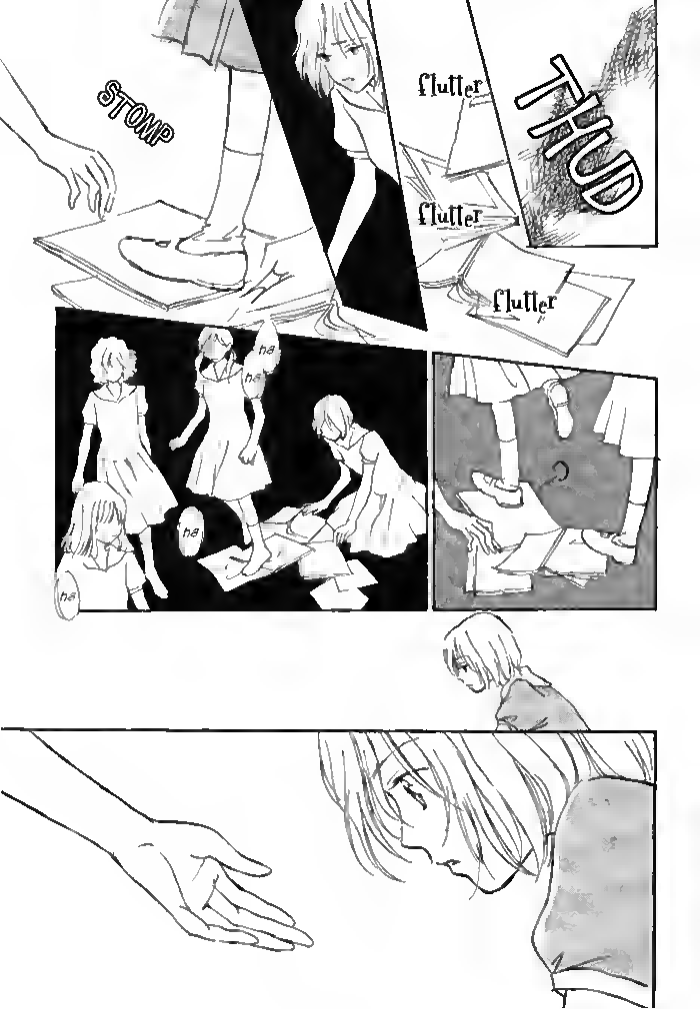
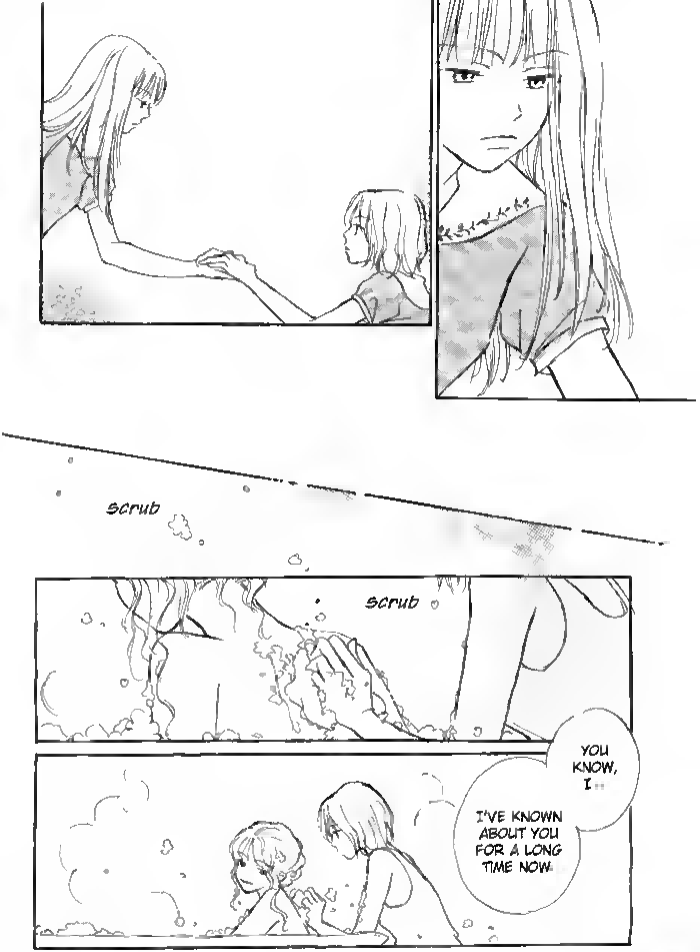



STOMP
flutter
flutter
flutter
THUD
ha
ha
ha
ha
?



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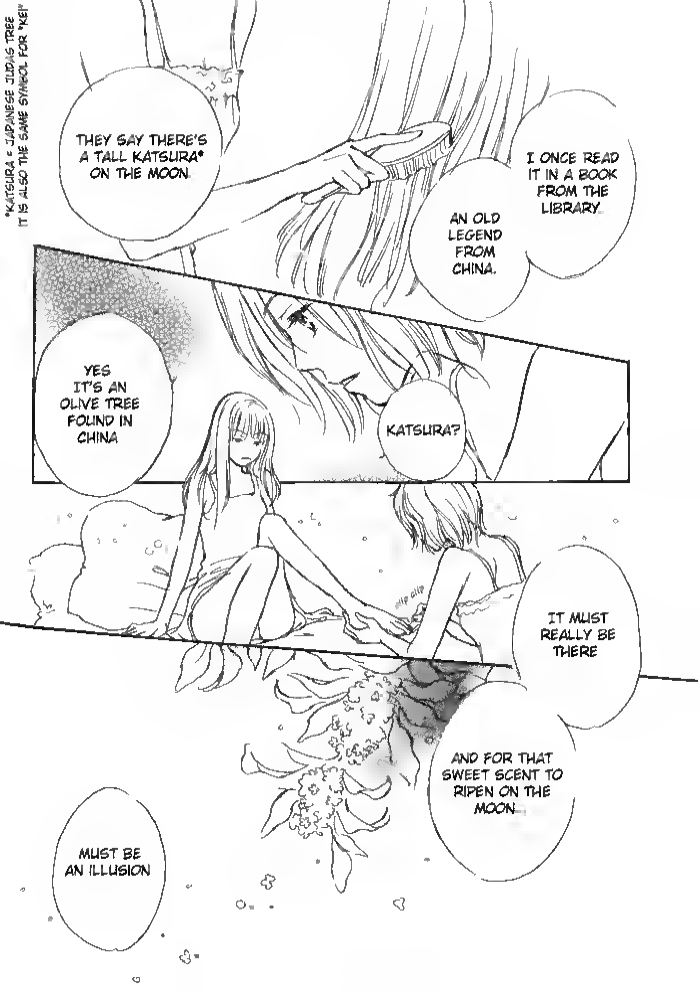
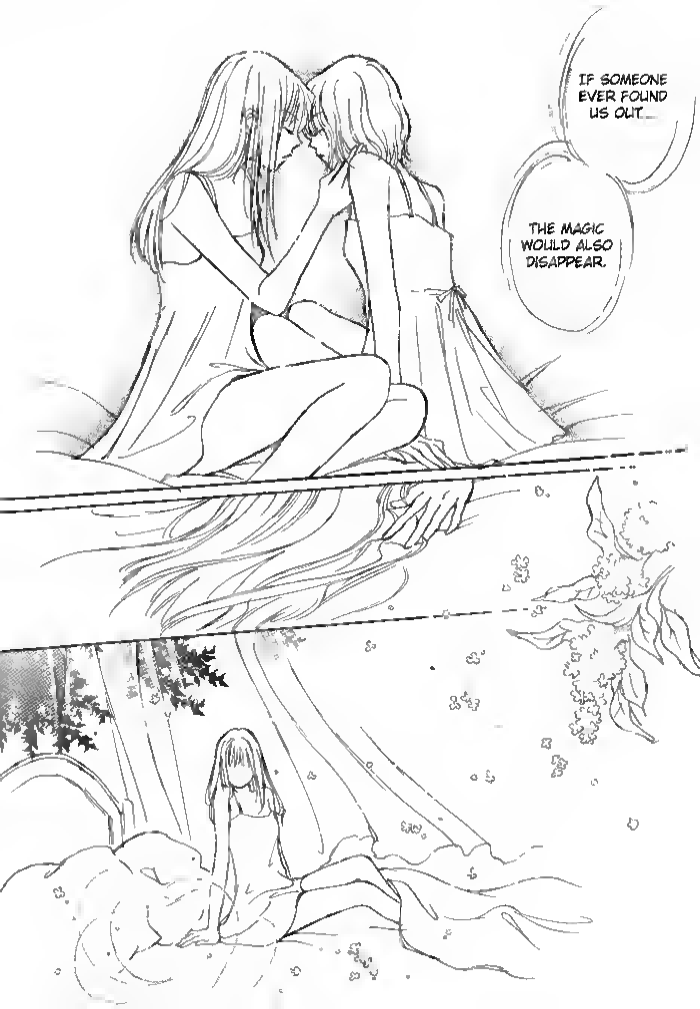
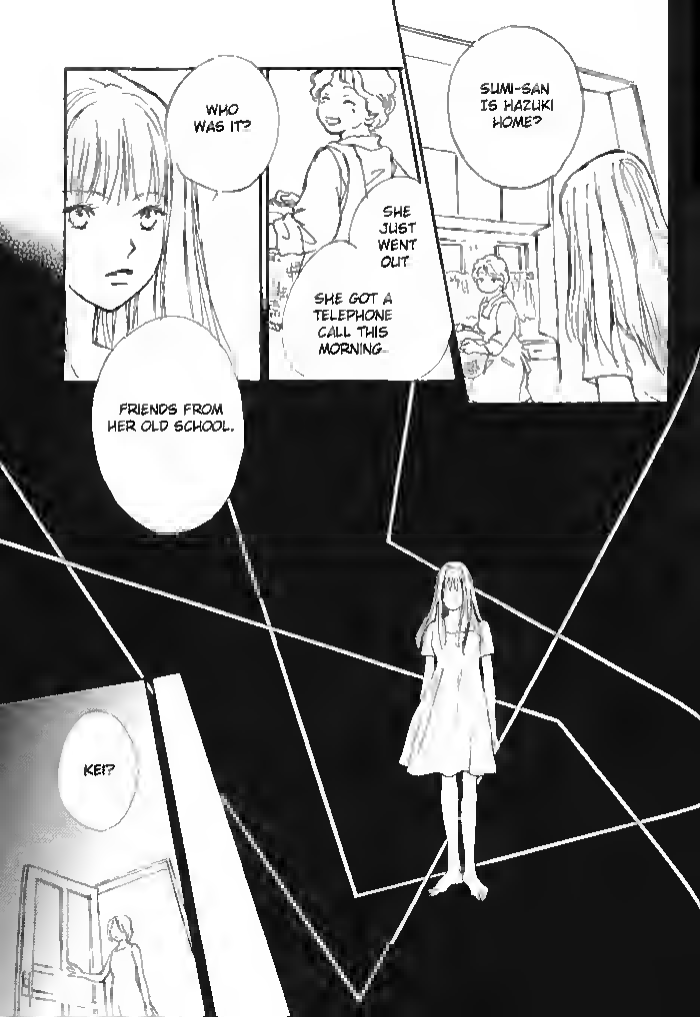
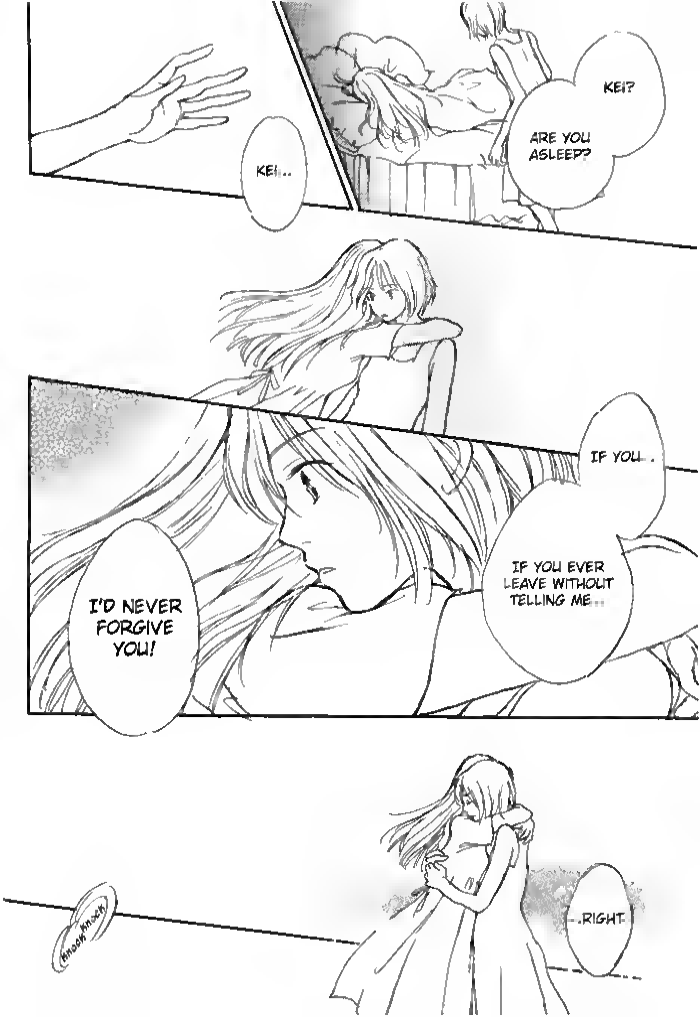
WE EVEN HAD PHOTOS.
MAMA WOULD TELL ME ABOUT YOU.
DID YOU HATE ME?
HATE YOU!?
DO YOU HATE ME, HAZUKI!?

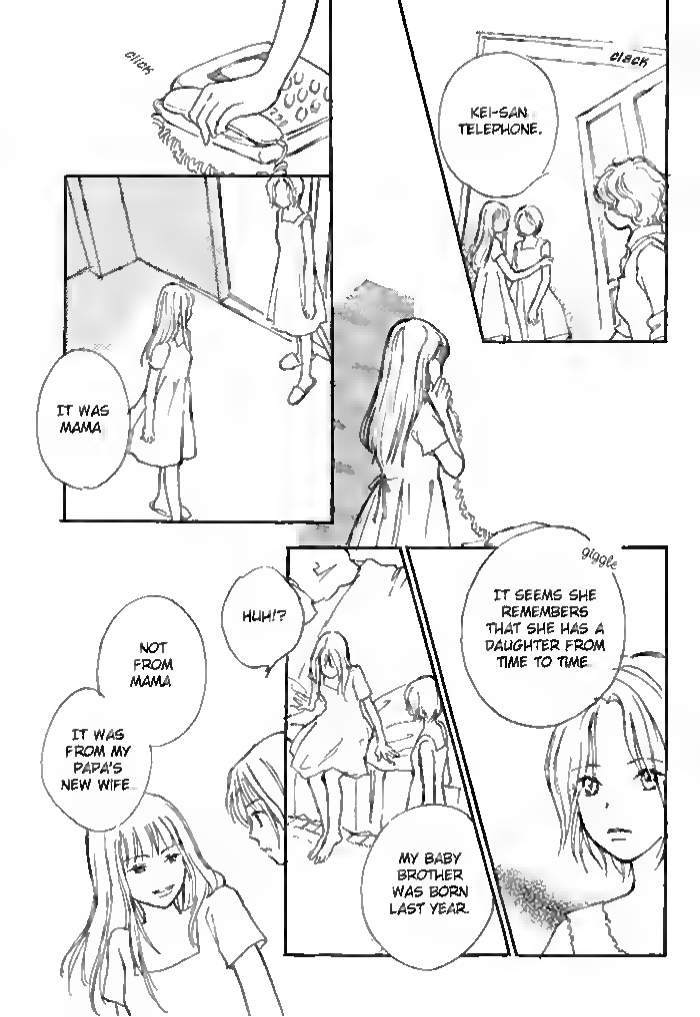

*KATSURA = JAPANESE JUDAS TREE
IT IS ALSO THE SAME SYMBOL FOR "KEI"
THEY SAY THERE'S A TALL KATSURA* ON THE MOON.
I ONCE READ IT IN A BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY.
AN OLD LEGEND FROM CHINA.
YES IT'S AN OLIVE TREE FOUND IN CHINA
KATSURA?
IT MUST REALLY BE THERE
AND FOR THAT SWEET SCENT TO RIPEN ON THE MOON
MUST BE AN ILLUSION

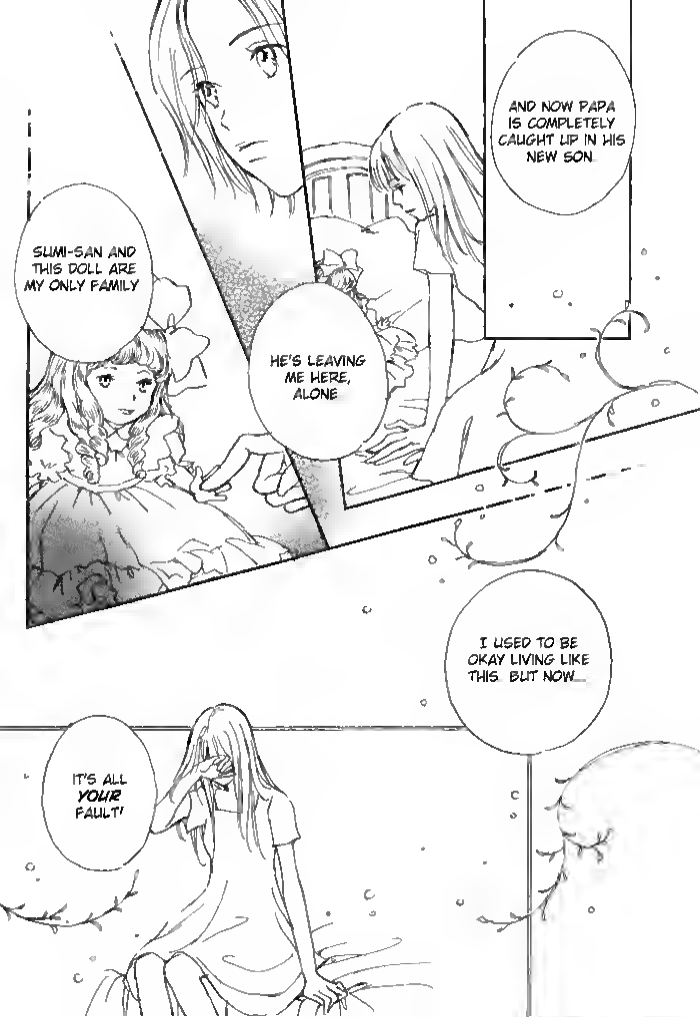
*KEIGETSU = "MOON" ALSO HAS THE SAME SYMBOL FOR "KEIKAJITSUMA"


IF SOMEONE EVER FOUND US OUT...
THE MAGIC WOULD ALSO DISAPPEAR.

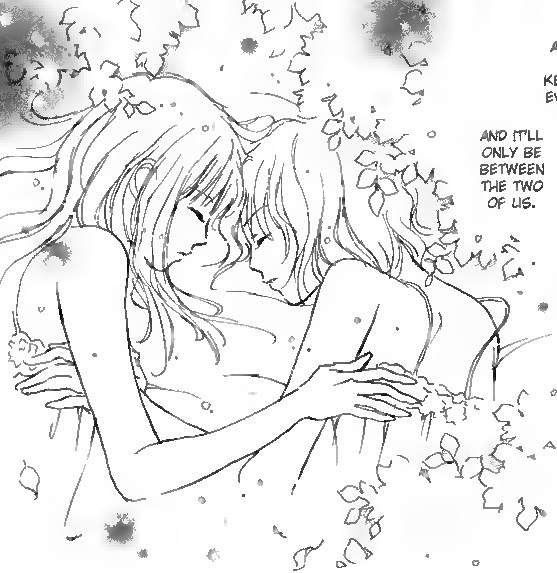

SUMI-SAN IS HAZUKI HOME?
SHE JUST WENT OUT
SHE GOT A TELEPHONE CALL THIS MORNING
WHO WAS IT?
FRIENDS FROM HER OLD SCHOOL.
KEI?


KEI...
KEI?
ARE YOU ASLEEP?
IF YOU...
IF YOU EVER LEAVE WITHOUT TELLING ME...
I'D NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
...RIGHT
(hug)


click
KEI-SAN TELEPHONE.
clack
IT WAS MAMA
NOT FROM MAMA
IT WAS FROM MY PAPA'S NEW WIFE
HUH!?
MY BABY BROTHER WAS BORN LAST YEAR.
IT SEEMS SHE REMEMBERS THAT SHE HAS A DAUGHTER FROM TIME TO TIME
giggle


AND NOW PAPA IS COMPLETELY CAUGHT UP IN HIS NEW SON.
SUMI-SAN AND THIS DOLL ARE MY ONLY FAMILY
HE'S LEAVING ME HERE, ALONE
I USED TO BE OKAY LIVING LIKE THIS. BUT NOW...
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!

I CAN'T...
DOLLS DON'T CRY!
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE EVER AGAIN.
SO, I SWEAR...
I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU ALONE
I LEARNED THAT...
ADULTS, EVEN PAPA AND MAMA, CAN KEEP HORRIBLE SECRETS.
WE ALSO HAVE A SECRET.



OUR ONE, SINGLE SECRET.

UNDER THE ROSE ● END

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